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EASTERN OBSERVES ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION WEEK

CHARLESTON, IL.--In conjunction with National Adult and Continuing Education Week March 20-26, Eastern Illinois University is sponsoring the 31st Annual Conference on the Teaching of Mathematics Thursday, March 17 in the Student Union.

The conference will consist of exhibits and workshops that will help bring about new ideas in regard to mathematics education. "It provides an opportunity to draw attention to the importance of adult learning in today's society," said Adult and Continuing Education Dean William Hine.

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He said, "Adult education gives adults the opportunity to improve themselves. Approximately one-third of the adult population is looking for new careers."

"There is a rapid change in careers and the technological changes in today's society are going to have an effect on their jobs. Students today will have between three and five careers in their lifetime, and they will need to continue their education," Hine added.

He said Eastern's Adult and Continuing Education program has grown over the years due to the increased public need for training and knowledge to keep citizens updated in their professional field.

"This program is there for adults who want to move ahead professionally and personally. It offers job enrichment and training, retraining, degree and non-degree programs and preparations for current and future job markets," Hine said.

He said roughly 10 percent the undergraduate students on Eastern's campus are adults and this number will continue to increase. Many of these individuals are working toward their bachelor's degrees. The fields of Business Administration and Education are the most popular, Hine noted.

Hine also explained that by the 1990's half of the students in higher education will be adult students.

"Eastern is committed to helping the citizens of Illinois meet their continuing educational needs," he added.

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Classes are now being offered at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Danville Area Community College, the Millikin Graduate Studies Center in Decatur, Olney Central College and Salem High School.

Some programs offered this summer include the 15th annual Summer Field Geology Program, the 16th annual Speech Communications Camp for high school students and a High School Summer Art Camp.

For further information about Adult and Continuing Education programs, call 581-5114.